

WHAT I CLAIM IS:

1 1. A stretch comb hair retainer comprising
2 two opposed combs, each of said combs having a spine and parallel comb teeth projecting
3 from said spine, and
4 a stretchable elastic mesh secured to and extending between the spines of said combs.

1 2. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein said opposed combs are wire combs
2 comprised of a metal spine and a row of looped wires attached to and projecting from said metal
3 spine to form parallel projecting teeth of the combs.

1 3. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein said elastic mesh is formed by
2 interconnected elastic strands secured at spaced intervals to the spines of said opposed combs.

1 4. The stretch comb retainer of claim 3 wherein said elastic strands are interconnected to
2 form an elastic mesh of generally triangular shaped stretchable openings.

1 5. The stretch comb retainer of claim 4 wherein the stretchable openings of said elastic mesh
2 are of at least two different sizes.

1 6. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein said elastic mesh is formed by
2 interconnected elastic filament strands.

1 7. The stretch comb retainer of claim 6 wherein said filament strands are substantially clear.

1 8. The stretch comb retainer of claim 6 wherein at least a portion of the filament strands of
2 said elastic mesh are beaded to provide a decorative elastic mesh.

1 9. The stretch comb retainer of claim 6 further comprising connector beads interconnecting
2 said filament strands to form a woven elastic mesh.

1 10. The stretch comb retainer of claim 9 further comprising intermediate beads on said
2 filament strands between said connector beads.

1 11. The stretch comb retainer of claim 10 wherein the number of intermediate beads between
2 each of the connector beads of said elastic mesh is substantially the same.

1 12. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein the length of the elastic mesh between said
2 combs, when unstretched, is between about three and one-half to four inches.

1 13. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein the width of said combs is between about
2 three to four inches.

1 14. The stretch comb retainer of claim 1 wherein the width of said combs and said elastic mesh

is between about three to four inches.

15. A stretch comb retainer comprising
two opposed combs, each of said combs having a spine and parallel comb teeth projecting
from the spine,
elastic filament strands secured at spaced intervals along the spines of the combs, and
a plurality of connector beads,
said filament strands being woven through said connector beads to form an woven elastic
mesh between the spines of said opposed combs, said elastic mesh having generally triangular
stretchable openings through which the wearer can pull an amount of hair if desired.

16. The stretch comb retainer of claim 15 wherein said elastic filament strands are formed
by at least one continuous length of elastic filament wrapped around the spines of said combs to
produce filament strand segments that are threaded through said connector beads.

17. The stretch comb retainer of claim 15 wherein intermediate beads are threaded onto said
filament strands between said connector beads to produce a desired decorative effect.

18. The stretch comb retainer of claim 17 wherein the shapes, colors, and sizes of said
connector and intermediate beads are selected and mixed to produce a desired decorative effect.

19. The stretch comb retainer of claim 17 wherein said intermediate beads surrounding

2 said connector beads are larger than other intermediate beads to accentuate the interconnections of
3 the woven elastic mesh.

1 20. The stretch comb retainer of claim 15 wherein said opposed combs are wire combs
2 comprised of a metal spine and a row of looped wires attached to and projecting said metal spine to
3 form parallel projecting teeth of the combs.

1 21. A stretch comb retainer comprising
2 two opposed combs, each of said combs having a spine and parallel comb teeth projecting
3 from the spine, and each of said combs having a width of about three to four inches; and
4 an elastic mesh connected between the spines of said opposed combs, said elastic mesh
5 having stretchable openings through which the wearer can pull an amount of hair if desired, having
6 a length between said combs, when unstretched, between about three and one-half to four inches,
7 and having a width which is substantially the same as said combs.

1 22. The stretch comb retainer of claim 21 wherein eight elastic stands are secured at spaced
2 intervals along the spines of said opposed combs and are interconnected to form the elastic mesh
3 between said combs.

1 23. A stretch comb retainer comprising
2 two opposed combs, each of said combs having a spine and parallel comb teeth projecting
3 from the spine,

4 a beaded elastic mesh having stretchable openings attached to and extending between the
5 spines of said opposed combs,

6 said elastic mesh being formed by threading and simultaneously beading at least one elastic
7 filament strand back and forth between the spines of said combs.

1 24. The stretch comb retainer of claim 23 wherein said elastic filament strand is beaded with
2 connector beads, wherein the filament strand is threaded through said connector beads, and wherein
3 said connector beads interconnect the filament strand in an elastic mesh with stretchable openings.

1 25. The stretch comb retainer of claim 24 wherein said filament strand is threaded back and
2 forth between the spines of said first and second combs to produce eight strand segments woven
3 through said connector beads.

1 26. A stretch comb retainer comprising
2 first and second opposed combs, each of said combs having a spine and parallel comb teeth
3 projecting from the spine;

4 a beaded elastic mesh having stretchable openings attached to and extending between the
5 spines of said opposed combs,

6 said beaded elastic mesh being formed by the steps comprising:

7 securing one end of at least one elastic filament strand to the end of the spine of said first
8 comb,

9 threading a selected number of beads, including connector beads, onto said filament strand

to create a first beaded filament strand segment of a desired length,
securing the free end of the first filament strand segment to the spine of said second comb
to fix this end of the first filament strand segment in opposition to the end secured to the spine of the
first comb,
running the free end of the filament strand down the spine of said second comb to a position
on said spine where the filament strand takes off from the spine of said comb in a second strand
segment, and securing the filament strand at such position,
threading the filament strand back toward the first comb through the connector beads on the
first strand segment to form a second strand segment of the elastic mesh, and while doing so beading
said second strand with a selected number of beads count and with further connector beads for the
next strand segment,
wrapping the free end of the filament strand around the spine of said first comb to fix the
second end of said second strand segment in opposition to its first end,
running the free end of the elastic strand down the spine of said first comb to a position on
said spine where the strand takes off from the spine of said first comb in a third strand segment and
fixing the filament strand at such position,
continuing this threading and beading process until the last beaded strand segment is
complete, and
securing the free end of the last strand segment to the spine of the comb receiving such free
end.

27. The stretch comb retainer of claim 26 wherein the number of connector beads alternates
between three connector beads and two connector beads, three for the first strand segment, two

32 connector beads for the second strand segment, et cetera.

1 28. The stretch comb retainer of claim 26 wherein said filament strand is threaded back and
2 forth between the spines of said first and second combs to produce eight strand segments interwoven
3 through said connector beads.

1 29. A stretch comb retainer comprising
2 two opposed wire combs, each of said combs having a metal spine and a row of looped wires
3 attached to and projecting from said metal spine to form parallel projecting teeth of the comb; and
4 a plurality of elastic strands extending between and secured at spaced intervals along the
5 spines of said wire combs, said elastic strands forming stretchable openings between the spines of
6 said opposed wire combs through which the wearer can pull a desired amount of hair.

1 30. The stretch comb retainer of claim 29 wherein the width of said combs is between about
2 three to four inches.

1 31. The stretch comb retainer of claim 30 wherein the distance between the spines of said
2 combs, when the elastic strands are unstretched, is between about three and one-half to four inches.